(b) if so, the role assigned to Government in the management of this University; and

(c) what will be the status of the existing Marine Engineering Training Institutes after the establishment of the Indian Maritime University?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to establish Indian Maritime University with status of a 'Deemed University' consisting of the three Government Maritime Training Institutes, viz. T. S. Chanakya, New Bombay Marine Engineering and Research Institute, Calcutta/ Bombay and LBS College of Advanced Maritime Studies and Research, Bombay. The University will be an autonmous body. However, it is proposed to have representatives of the Government on the various bodies of the proposed University like Board of Governors Executive Council, Academic Council and Examination Btard.

(c) The Marine Engineering Training Institutes will form part of the proposed Indian Maritime University.

Widening of the Pantoon Bridge near Yamuna

1320. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Panton Bridge near the river Yamuna in Delhi is unsafe for passengers since the bridge is not having lighting arrangements and also the police personnel are unable to regulate the traffic since the bridge is very narrow; and

(b) what action the Central Government are taking to widen the bridge since traffic is heavy in that area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Central Government are primarily concerned with the development and maintenance of National Highways. Panton bridge across river Yamuna in Delhi is not part of National Highway system and as such the State Government of Delhi is responsible for the bridge.

Revenue Collected from the Ports situated in Gujarat

1321. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SURAFCE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total value of traffic at various ports at present in the country, particularly in the State of Gujarat;

(b) what is the total revenue earned annually by Government from these ports, port-wise; and

(c) what are the schemes proposed to be undertaken by Government to improve the ports in Gujarat State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No statistics are maintained by this Ministry regarding the total value of cargo handled at various Major Ports.

(b) A statement showing the operating financial and miscellaneous incomes earned during 1993-94 by various Major Ports is enclosed as Annexure. [*See* Appendix 171, annexure No. 25]

(c) Following major schemes have been included in the Eighth Five Year Plan for the development of Kandla Port:—

(i) Construction of Eighth Cargo Berth.